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Addendum

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PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1996-1997

Section 7A. Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development

1. At its 14th and 15th meetings, on 25 May 1995, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered section 7A, Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997.

Discussion

2. A number of delegations expressed concern that the proposed level of resources was not adequate to ensure the full and timely implementation of mandated activities as well as the follow-up activities that had emerged from the World Summit for Social Development and could be expected from the Fourth World Conference on Women. They noted the statement made by the Controller that the proposed programme budget section 7A did not include provision of resources for possible future mandated programmes and activities arising out of legislative decisions relating to the World Summit for Social Development or the Fourth World Conference on Women, and that if significant additional activities

were subsequently mandated, additional resources would need to be provided for their implementation. Other delegations welcomed the efforts to achieve efficiency savings as well as internal redeployment of resources to allow greater focus on priority programmes such as sustainable development.

3. Some delegations stressed the special importance they attached to the programme on eradication of poverty, in particular in the light of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and the objectives of the International Year for the Eradication of Poverty (1996).

4. A number of delegations expressed their support for the proposals concerning the follow-up activities related to the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States and to Agenda 21.

5. Some delegations noted that adequate provision should be provided to the Department to ensure maximum outreach and contact with intergovernmental bodies on policy matters.

Conclusions and recommendations

6. The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of section 7A, Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997, on the understanding that, should the Assembly adopt any new legislative mandates that established new programmes and activities, adequate resource provision would be proposed to the Assembly for its consideration at the time of its examining and approving the budget.